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Inspection of immigrants at Santiago during the week ended April 13, 1901.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, April 13, 1901.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended April 13, 1901: April 9, provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from San Juan, P. R., with 5 immigrants.

Respectfully,

R. H. VON EZDORF, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

#### ENGLAND.

Report from London-Plague in Cape Town.

LONDON, ENGLAND, April 20, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the health of Great Britain remains in general satisfactory. The smallpox in Glasgow continues to decrease, but there are still a few new cases reported each day. Two deaths from smallpox occurred in Liverpool during the week ended March 13. The official report of plague from Cape Town for the week ended April 13, is as follows: Total number of new cases, 43, including 12 Europeans; total number of deaths, 22, including 4 Europeans. Up to the above date there had been a total of 392 cases and 152 deaths. The infection has been mostly confined to Cape Town and the cape peninsula, but a few cases have occurred outside this area. During the past week plague was reported among the rats at Port Elizabeth and later a case of plague was reported in the town. Sporadic cases of plague continue to occur in West Australia, and a case is also reported from Pinkenba, Queensland.

For the week ended March 11, there were no deaths from plague in Mauritius. The case of suspicious illness that occurred in this city recently, was probably not plague.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS.

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The Surgeon-General,

U.S. Marine-Hospital Service.

#### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

The transport Kilpatrick at Honolulu with smallpox on board.

HONOLULU, H. I., April 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival at this port yesterday of the U.S. army transport Kilpatrick, eight days from San Francisco, en route to Manila, P. I. She had on board 846 enlisted men, 60 officers, women, and children, and a crew of 152, making a total of 1,058 persons on board. On the day following their departure from San Francisco, there appeared among the troops 2 cases of smallpox of the discrete variety. These cases were isolated at once, but it was necessary on account of crowded quarters to put them with several cases of measles. Every one aboard was vaccinated, 15 per cent proving successful. The sick, together with those directly exposed, including nurses, were removed to the quarantine station at once and properly segregated. The colonel commanding the troops requested me to remove his men and disinfect his ship. This I agreed to do provided he would charter 2 safe vessels to receive those of his command in excess of 600, which was my limit

at the present time at the quarantine station, owing to the presence there of 70 persons either sick or undergoing detention, together with the necessity of reserving room for other passengers likely to arrive at any time. At this writing, the colonel has decided to take coal by lighter and proceed to Manila, provided no further outbreak occurs in the next seven days. I have made a detail from the station to show those on board how to disinfect properly and in addition to this have rendered them all the assistance possible.

The mail was disinfected by this office at the Channel Wharf prior to

delivery to the post-office authorities.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
In Command.

The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

#### HONDURAS.

## Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, April 21, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the week ended April 20. 1901.

Four vessels cleared from this port for the United States: April 14, steamship *Dudley*, Anderson; crew, 18; destination, Mobile, Ala.; steamship *Ely*, Corning; crew, 21; destination, New Orleans, La. April 19, steamship *Sunniva*, Johannesen; crew, 14; destination, New Orleans, La; steamship *Usk*, Hurry; crew, 20; destination, New Orleans, La.

The health of La Ceiba and vicinity continues good.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

### Reports from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, April 16, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report the happenings at this port for the week ended Tuesday, April 16. Good health conditions still prevail here. No deaths. The following vessels were dispatched after com-

plying with the regulations:

April 10, steamship S. Oteri, Norwegian, master, De Luca; arrived April 9, from New Orleans; crew, 34; passengers, 18; destination, New Orleans via Belize; baggage disinfected, trunks, 5; bags, 9; valises, 11; proper cargo, green fruit. April 11, steamship Bratten, Norwegian, master, Hahn; arrived April 7, from Mobile; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile, Ala. April 13, steamship España, Norwegian, master, Danielson; arrived April 12, from Mobile; crew, 10; passengers, 3; cargo, green fruit; baggage, none; special permission granted the 3 passengers making round trip to come ashore during daylight, by Mobile quarantine officer; destination, Mobile direct. April 13, steamship Uto, Norwegian, master, Bride; arrived April 11, from Havana; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, cattle; destination, Havana direct; issued no certificate to the